

Tommy and his parents argued most of the time, mainly because he was sixteen but he did not have his driver's permit and Dad would not let him drive. Tommy thought his parents were so unfair. He tried to stay away from them as much as possible. That night Tommy was being bothered by his sister, Monster. Well, actually her name was Margaret but Tommy referred to her as Monster. Monster told on Tommy and his father told him to go to his room. "It wasn't even my fault because she started it, as usual, and I did not have anything to do with it!" wailed Tommy.

Tommy walked back to his room wondering how he could get even with Monster and his parents. Then he decided to sneak out of his room with his sleeping bag and sleep out in the backyard where it was peaceful and cool. He grabbed his sleeping bag, a pillow, and some cookies, and then crawled out his window onto the roof of the house. He was two stories off the ground, so he dropped his things, one by one, and then climbed down the trellis on the side of the house.

He looked inside the windows, checking to see if anyone had heard him. Mother and Dad were watching TV and Monster was eating popcorn. All was well and Tommy knew he wouldn't be missed. Then he walked quietly to the farthest corner in the yard away

from the house. There he spread out his sleeping bag, crawled in, and soon fell asleep under the bright yellow moon.

Suddenly Tommy awoke to the sound of a creature fluttering its wings above his head. Startled, Tommy sat up and saw a great horned creature with large wings. It was black with piercing yellow eyes, and it tried to attack Tommy as he lay on the ground, but Tommy yelled and fought the being with all his might until it rose with a shriek and flew up toward the moon.

Tommy, shaken and sweating, lay trying to catch his breath until he could check to see if he still had his arms and legs. The next moment, the sun was out and Tommy sat up. He wanted to run and tell Mother and Dad about the flying horned creature but he could not remember if it was real or had been a dream.

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